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Powerball Players Get First Chance to Share Millions with Match 5 Bonus Feature

Bismarck – The record breaking Powerball jackpot of more than one-third billion dollars has triggered an exciting bonus feature which will give players a chance to share in even more money. Powerball players that match only five white ball numbers will now share millions through the game's Match 5 Bonus.

Powerball's Match 5 Bonus was designed to kick in when a jackpot passed the record \$314.9 million jackpot set in 2002. Powerball's current jackpot rolled past that record jackpot last Saturday night, launching the Match 5 Bonus feature for the first time ever.

The Match 5 Bonus feature means the jackpot will now be increased by no more than \$25 million per draw and any money over that amount will go to the Match 5 Bonus prize pool. The pool will fill until there is a jackpot winner. Once there is a jackpot winner, the bonus will be equally divided between players that match five white ball numbers. The bonus will be automatically added to the regular \$200,000 prize and any Power Play multiplier prize the player wins.

The estimated Match 5 Bonus prize pool for Wednesday's draw is \$15 million. It is also estimated that there could be as many as 30 players matching five white ball numbers for the draw which means they would automatically win about \$500,000 in additional cash.

In last Saturday's draw, there were 21 five white number ball matches for \$200,000 each, one of which was purchased in Williston, ND. The prize has not yet been claimed through the North Dakota Lottery office. Statewide weekly and daily sales are anticipated to break records this week in North Dakota. Saturday's North Dakota Powerball sales alone totaled \$280,313.

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More details on how the Match 5 BONUS Prize works:

- When the previous record Powerball® jackpot has been surpassed, a new “Share the Winnings” feature sets jackpot growth to no more than \$25 million per draw. Any additional funds that would go into the grand prize pool above the \$25 million will be placed into a BONUS Prize Pool that will be divided equally among any 5 of 5 prize winners of the drawing in which the jackpot is hit.
- Match 5 Bonus prizes are paid in a lump sum.
- Winning Match 5 players who played Power Play will win \$200,000 multiplied by the selected multiplier. The BONUS prize will then be added to this total. The BONUS prize is not multiplied by the Power Play option.
- The BONUS Prize Pool grows until the jackpot is won. The BONUS Prize Pool grows just as the primary jackpot pool rolls and is paid out only when there is a jackpot winner.

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